



PATENT APPLICATION

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Applicant: John CAHILL

For: LAMINATE WALL STRUCTURE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 14, 2001, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 23 as shown on the attached marked-up page. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.121, a replacement page with the amended claim presented in clean form is also enclosed.

REMARKS

Claim 23 has been amended in order to address the Examiner's rejection of Claims 2-26 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Specifically speaking, Claim 23 now recites that the wall structure has a mechanical strength of at least 46 pounds per square foot. Support for this amendment can be found on page 8 of the present specification. It is respectfully submitted that this amendment has overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112. Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

Claims 3-5, 13, 14 and 26 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Minnick. Claims 2-26 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over

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